May 28, 1942

Dr. Edgar O. Campbell
5666 Hollister Avenue
Santa Barbara, California

Dear Dr. Campbell:

I saw Dr. McLean at the meeting of Assembly in Milwaukee and he handed me your letter together with a copy of Miss Bannan's letter. Herewith I am returning to you Miss Bannan's letter.

You will be glad to know, of course, that I have taken the matter up directly with Claude Hirst in Juneau and he has given me the assurance that his public school teachers would not interfere with the religious work. I am hoping that the difficulty that Miss Bannan is facing will be taken care of.

Miss Bannan is in Wisconsin resting. The doctors claim that she has no organic trouble and that she will be able to return in the Fall. She is a great soul and doing a great piece of work.

I am trying to assimilate all the facts I can about St. Lawrence Island and will appreciate your taking the time to write me relative to the work that our church has done in the past on this island. It may be possible for us to issue a formal bulletin, telling of the work and if it is, I would like to have a great deal of information about what has gone on before.

Cordially yours,

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5666 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, Calif
May the 18th, 1942.

My Dear Dr. McLean:

As a result of Mrs. Campbell's and my teaching and translating work among the Eskimos on St Lawrence Is., out in Bering sea, Alaska from 1901 to 1911, and the work of our predecessors and successors, all of us missionaries under the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions, two churches have recently been organized, one at the main hunting village, Gamble, and the other at the reindeer station I established.

Iwas ordained by Dr S.Hall Young at Eagle, on the Yukon in 1901.

From the enclosed letter from Miss Bannon, now the Board's representative at St Lawrence Is., it seems that some subversive elements have crept in and trying to change our converts over to become Seventh Day Baptists or Adventists.

Would you care to take the matter up with the Board's representative at The General Assembly?

Would it be feasible or practical or ethical or Christian for the Board to recommend to the Commissioner of Education teachers who would foster and encourage the Board's work rather than tear it down?

The reason we went to St Lawrence Is was because Dr Sheldon Jackson told us the Foreign Mission Boards had no difficulty in getting candidfor China, Japan, Africa, these were heroes positions, but that he could get no one to go to St Lawrence Is because of its isolation, the most isolated post under the American flag. So we went, throwing up our appointto Laos afer recommendation of Dr Arthur J. Brown.

This is the reason for our interest and we are wondering if anything should or can be done about the attempted split.

We trust that you and Mrs McLean will have a joyful and profitable time at The Assembly and a safe return to Santa Barbara.

Affectionaltely

Mr and Mrs. Edgar O. Campbell

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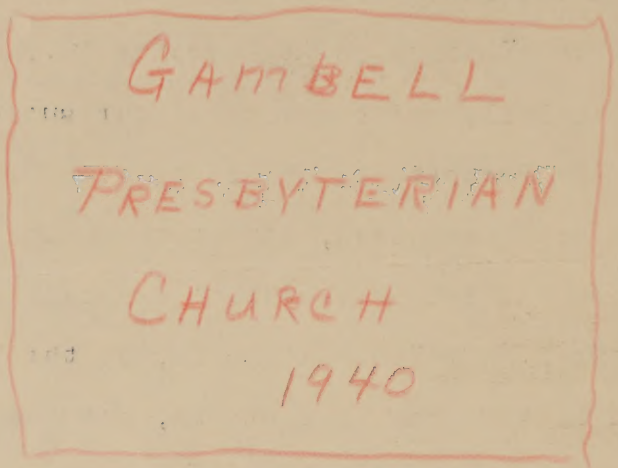

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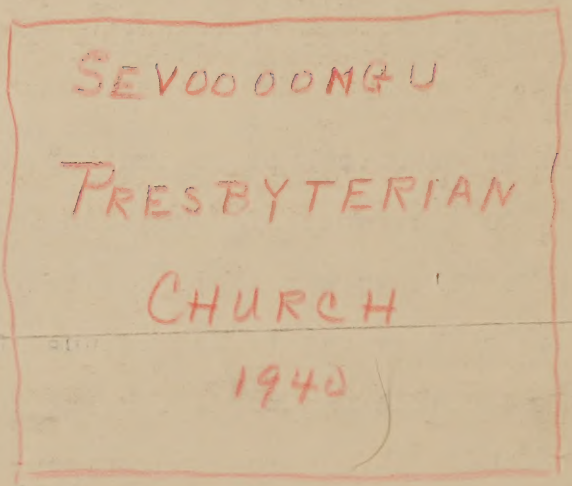

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FORTY-SIXTH SESSION
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June the 20th, 1947.

The Presbyterian Board of National Missions,
156 Fifth Ave., New York.

Dear Sirs:

Especially refering to Dr J. Earl Jackman and F.Campbell Simonds who have answered most of my former correspondence, please permit me to enclose an application for an annuity bond.

Has the school building at Se-yoo-ong-a been restored?

Does the Board intend to ~~intend to~~ have its own hospital at Barrow, or will they let the Government provide for the sick? It seems to me that Government operators in a hospital would not be much interested in the gospel services available to patients as if those operators were medical missionaries.

In one of your dear letters to me you told of Roy Ahmaogak not being able to read the translations I made of the Eskimo on St Lawrence Is. The language on St Lawrence Is is different from that of the mainland of Alaska but is the same as the Eskimo of Siberia, and I am wondering if it would not be well to have printed another edition of my translations and send them over to Siberia. That is a field that we have more responsibility for than any other mission board, because Indian Point is only 40 miles across from Gambell and the two peoples trade back and forth as soon as the ice breaks, and those people have no schools in any language, and one young man, after a winter's study of my translations was able to read any page I asked him too.

The "ST Lawrence Is Catechism" I had printed was an English grouping of Scripture verses, and was intended to take the place of our Presbyterian Catechism, which is rather technical for the Eskimo knew so little English.

I am enclosing the only copy I have left and will you please return it when you have decided whether it would not be a good thing to have another edition printed and used to bring the gospel to those who have not heard as well as prepare those who have believed , that they may lead others to Christ.

Thank you for every bit of news from Alask that you can send me. I am not able to get to as many meetings or even to write as much as I would like but Joseph M. Ewing, pastor of the church in Santa Barbara loves to speak of Dr Jackman. One of my objects of prayer is that the government teachers on St Lawrence may become servants of Jesus. Lovingly

Dr Edgar O. Campbell

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October the 13th, 1947.

My Dear Dr. Jackman and F. Campbell Simonds:

Please permit me to help your work at St. Lawrence Is. by the enclosed application for an annuity bond in the sum of $100.00. I was born Sept. the 12th, 1867, at Carrollton, Greene Co., Illinois and my address is 5666 Hollister Ave., Santa Barbara, Calif.

Thank you for the new translation of the Alaska Coast Eskimo. I wonder why Brother Roy Ahmaogak could not have used the phonetic alfabet I used in my translations for the St. Lawrence Is. and Siberian Eskimo?

I have just received a letter from one of my baby Eskimo on St. Lawrence who spent 3½ years in the navy. He says he prizes my translation. What do you think about printing another edition for distribution to the Siberian Eskimo who speak the same language as the St. Lawrence people but different from the Alaska Coast Eskimo?

We are praying for a hospital and missionary doctor for Pt Barrow and hope we can help later.

Mrs Campbell is suffering from diabetes and has had two strokes of paralysis, the last one very severe and accompanyed by a blood clot and we have taken her to a hospital. Jesus said "My Father is greater than all and no one is able to pluck them out of His hand".

As long as Jehovah has anything for me to do here, I want to do it in His way but will be glad when He takes me home to be with Him forever.

With love to all of you,

Sincerely

Dr Edgar O. Campbell.

November 3, 1947

Dr. Edgar O. Campbell
5666 Hollister Avenue
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Dr. Campbell:

Thank you for your letter of October 13th which has been turned over to our office by Dr. Symonds. Dr. Jackman is away on an extended field trip, but may we assure you, it will be brought to his attention upon his return the latter part of November.

In the meantime, we are enclosing some tax information which Dr. Symonds asked us to forward to you with our reply.

We were very sorry to hear of the grave illness of Mrs. Campbell and we trust that she is more comfortable with hospital care and attention.

We are grateful to you for your help in the form of Annuity Gifts, and for your continued interest in all of our work and very especially in our Alaskan work. We appreciate your prayers and hope that Barrow and all of Alaska will reap the benefit of these petitions of faithful friends throughout the country.

Sincerely yours,

Frieda Koerner, Secretary to
J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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January 23, 1948

Dr. Edgar O. Campbell
5666 Hollister Avenue
Santa Barbara, Calif.

Dear Dr. Campbell:

For many weeks now, I have had on my desk a letter to me and Dr. Symonds forwarding another annuity gift. Long since, Dr. Symonds has taken care of it and I have been unable to get to the bottom of my pile of correspondence. We deeply appreciate your continued thought and provision for our work on St. Lawrence Island.

Last month in Denver, Colorado, I had a visit with the Rev. Elmer E. Parker, our present missionary at Gambell, and he showed me motion pictures of the people in the village. As these people passed our vision in the pictures, he named them to me and pointed out your adopted son who is a Deacon in the Church and a credit to your confidence in him. I know much more about the village now than I ever knew before.

We trust that by this time Mrs. Campbell has fully recovered from the trouble which she had when you wrote last fall. We are grateful for people like you who have given so much of yourselves and your means for the advance of the Master's work.

Cordially yours,

J. Earl Jackman, Secretary
Unit of Work in Alaska

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P.S. The question has been raised about the disposition of the diaries which you left at Gambell. We feel they ought to be deposited with the Presbyterian Historical Society but already Mr. Daughtery has sent some of them to Juneau. Will you write us a letter telling us what you want done with them? Thank you.

Dictated by Dr. Jackman
but signed in his absence.